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1. FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT, BASED CLOSELY ON REFTEL,
ISSUED BY POST AFTER CONSULTATION WITH AND UPON
DEPARTURE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN SHATTUCK.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

"WE ARE DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE AND
REPORTS OF WIDESPREAD ATROCITIES IN RWANDA. I AM
TRAVELLING TO THE REGION TO DELIVER A SIMPLE MESSAGE:

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THE KILLINGS IN RWANDA MUST STOP, THE FIGHTING MUST STOP, AND THE PARTIES MUST BEGIN SERIOUS AND MEANINGFUL DIRECT TALKS," SAID U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN SHATTUCK IN ADDIS ABABA MAY 5.

HE CONTINUED, "WE HAVE MADE ADDIS ABABA THE FIRST STOP ON OUR TRIP SO THAT WE CAN CONSULT WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY ON THE CRISIS. I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM SALIM TO HEAR HIS THOUGHTS ON HOW THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MIGHT BEST HELP RWANDA TO RETURN TO PEACE. THE OAU, THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA, AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN ASSISTING THE TWO SIDES TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A PEACE ACCORD LAST AUGUST. AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE ONCE AGAIN BROUGHT THE PARTIES TO TALKS IN ARUSHA, AND THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS CRUCIAL EFFORT TO RE-ESTABLISH DIALOGUE BETWEEN WARRING PARTIES IN RWANDA."

MR. SHATTUCK INFORMED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT THE
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U.S. GOVERNMENT IS URGING ALL PARTIES TO IMMEDIATELY STOP THE MASS KILLING, IMPLEMENT A CEASE-FIRE AND RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. MR. SHATTUCK ALSO DISCUSSED WAYS TO INITIATE INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION OF GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN RWANDA, TO PREVENT THE SPREADING OF THE CONFLICT AND TO ADDRESS HUMANITARIAN NEEDS, INCLUDING THE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE OF REFUGEES. IN ADDITION, MR. SHATTUCK MET WITH ETHIOPIAN PRESIDENT MELES ZENAWI TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES.

FOLLOWING THESE DISCUSSIONS, MR. SHATTUCK CONTINUED ONWARD TO TANZANIA, BURUNDI AND UGANDA.

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